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Howard Herman Named General Manager of Community Services in City of Falls Church

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – City Manager Wyatt Shields today announced the appointment of Howard Herman as General Manager of Community Services in the City of Falls Church. As General Manager, Herman will supervise the Court Services, Housing and Human Services, and Library divisions while continuing to serve as Director of Recreation & Parks. Herman began serving as Acting General Manager of Community Services in January, following the appointment of former General Manager of Community Services Cindy Mester to Assistant City Manager. Herman previously served as Acting General Manager of Community Services from 2004-2005.

“Howard’s style of leadership, knowledge of the City, and ability to resolve problems and get things done is respected throughout the community and the region,” says Shields. “He is one of the City’s most visible employees, and has been effective as Acting General Manager of Community Services. The City is very fortunate to have him in this position on a permanent basis.”

Herman joined the Recreation & Parks Division in 1970, and began serving as director of the division in 1990. During his tenure as Director of Recreation & Parks, he has implemented key improvement projects including the installation of synthetic turf at the George Mason High School field in 2006; the addition of the City’s 12th park (Hamlett/Rees Tract) in 2006; the completion of master plans for the City’s 12 parks by the end of fiscal year 2007; the renovation of Larry Graves Park in 1999; and the construction of an addition and renovations to the City’s Community Center—a project that earned the Virginia Recreation & Park Society award for Best Renovation and Addition to an Existing Facility in 2000. As Acting General Manager, Herman secured City Council approval for \$2 million in affordable housing investments in the fiscal year 2008 budget.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Falls Church in a number of different capacities. I look forward to the challenge of the new responsibilities and to working with the many employees of the Community Services Department in their efforts to make the City of Falls Church a better place to live," says Herman.

Herman is a Certified Parks & Recreation Professional and is a member of the Virginia Recreation & Park Society and the National Recreation and Park Association.

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Note: A photo of Howard Herman is attached. Photo Courtesy: City of Falls Church.

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